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Names of 15 Alleged CIA Agents Published

Covert Action Information Bulletin, an anti-CIA periodical, yesterday published the names of 15 alleged CIA agents working under diplomatic cover in 12 countries.

The Washington-based periodical, which lists renegade CIA agent Philip Agee on its board of advisers, said 13 of the 15 previously had been identified as CIA officials in other foreign posts, either in Covert Action or in Dirty Work, a book by Agee and Louis Wolf, also of Covert Action.

Agee lives in Hamburg, West Germany. The Supreme Court recently upheld the State Department's action in lifting Agee's passport because of his attempts at interfering in the Iranian hostage crisis and his anti-CIA activities abroad.

Legislation is being drafted by the Senate and House Intelligence committees which would make it a criminal offense, punishable by fines and imprisonment, to disclose the names of American intelligence agents working abroad.

Agee and Covert Action already have published the names of more than 2,000 people said to be CIA employees in foreign posts.

In its latest issue, Covert Action published the names of an alleged case officer working in the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa, Canada; the alleged new CIA chief of station in Bangui, Central African Republic; an alleged agent in Accra, Ghana; an alleged senior case officer in Athens, Greece; and the alleged chief of CIA telecommunications and his deputy in Monrovia, Liberia.